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(LAW 3)

# WHAT IS THIS?!?!?!

Do not adjust your computer – you are not imagining things! This is a very special edition of the Quid Novi – our first (and hopefully only ever) bulletin. Why are we doing this? Well, some renovation work is being done in our office and we don't have access to our facilities wherein our trusty computer is located. Consequently, we are unable to bring you the standard print edition this week. We only became aware of this situation earlier this week, and while we would not mind taking a week off, we did not go to press last

week because of Thanksgiving. Rather than go another week without publishing, we present to you a slim version of the Quid that contains mostly time-sensitive items, such as event announcements. We apologize for any inconvenience and look forward to bringing you an amazing print Quid next week. We would also like to thank the entire Quid Novi team for assistance in this endeavor and regret that the traditional masthead is not reproduced here.

Have a great week everyone!

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## NEW! ADVISING DROP IN HOURS

**(Nancy Cz Emmel & Kelly Cassidy)**

Either Nancy or Kelly will be available for advising during the following time blocks:

Mondays: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Tuesdays: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Wednesdays: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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SAO

## EXCHANGE & STUDY ABROAD APPLICATION DEADLINE:

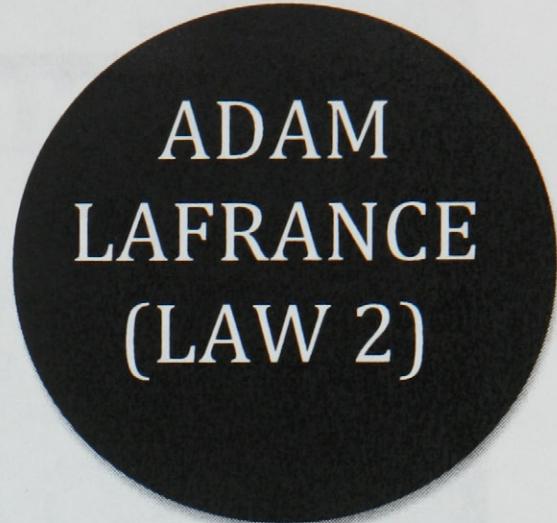
All 2011-2012 exchange and study away programs

(Summer term 2011, Fall term 2011, Winter term 2012 and Full year)

Friday, 5 November 2010

Application must be completed in Minerva; CV must be submitted to SAO by 3 p.m.

# FOOSBALL STRANGELOVE OR: HOW I LEARNED TO STOP WORRYING AND LOVE THE GAME



ADAM  
LAFRANCE  
(LAW 2)

As some of you may be aware, this school year witnessed the creation of a new club in the Faculty, namely the McGill International Foosball Association (MIFA). Officially, the club's mandate is "to foster a positive and collegial learning environment in the Law Faculty by enabling ALL students to participate in a fun, social and stress-relieving activity regardless of skill, experience or coordination." As such, MIFA organizes weekly scheduled league play for 3 different divisions (Single, Recreational & Competitive) and has over 50 members from all years of study.

However, what is more important than our activities within the Faculty is the our desire to make a positive contribution in the greater community. To this end, on Thursday October 21st, MIFA is hosting a Coffeehouse and Charity Foosball Tournament wherein all proceeds go to Right to Play. (If you're unfamiliar with the organization's mandate & activities, you can check it out at: [www.righttoplay.com](http://www.righttoplay.com) )

The Tournament entry fee of \$10/person (\$20/team) includes a minimum of 2 games, a commemorative "jersey", free beer(s) & a raffle ticket for all participants.

In order to raise as much as possible, we reached out and enlisted some support:

- Bierbrier Brewing will be supplying us with draught beer for the whole evening (i.e. not a single "transystemic" need be consumed) and beer will be FREE for everyone for the first hour or the first keg (whichever comes first). After that drinks will be \$2 and all profits will go to Right To Play.
- Torys is providing a 32 GB iPod Touch (with FaceTime) to be raffled off at the event. Tickets will be sold in the Atrium throughout the week, and at the event, for \$2/ticket or \$5/3 tickets.

In closing, I am reminded of the words of E.B. White: ""I get up every morning determined both to change the world and have one hell of a good time. Sometimes this makes planning the day difficult." But sometimes, like this week's Coffeehouse, having fun & helping others are not mutually exclusive.

Therefore, regardless of whether you want to play or just have a good time, all students and Faculty are invited to come out to the MIFA Coffeehouse, have fun and support a good cause!

# SPEED MEET

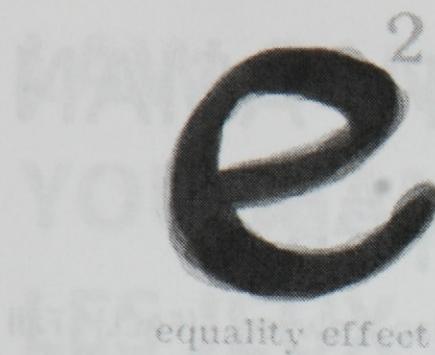
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An opportunity to meet and network with **criminal law practitioners in Montreal**, including Defence, Crown and Judges.

**November 2nd**, in the Atrium  
**SPACES ARE LIMITED**  
RSVP at [clm.dcm@gmail.com](mailto:clm.dcm@gmail.com)



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equality effect



# The Equality Effect

## LAUNCH

**Oct. 25, 2010 at 12:30 p.m.  
Rm. 312 NCDH**



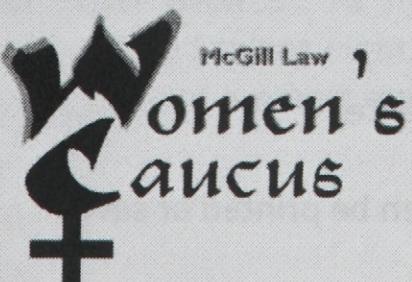
The equality effect is a unique and innovative initiative that brings together leading human rights experts in Kenya, Malawi, Ghana, and Canada to conduct groundbreaking legal work on women's human rights issues. The Canadian experience in advancing women's equality rights is the reference for the project, at the express request of the equality effect's African partners. The equality effect works to advance women's human rights and promote women's empowerment through the development of equality research and the implementation of practical equality initiatives (e.g. public legal education, policy reform, and test case litigation) that will result in tangible change. The primary focus of the project's work relates to violence against women, the feminization of HIV/AIDS, and women's property rights.

### SPEAKERS:

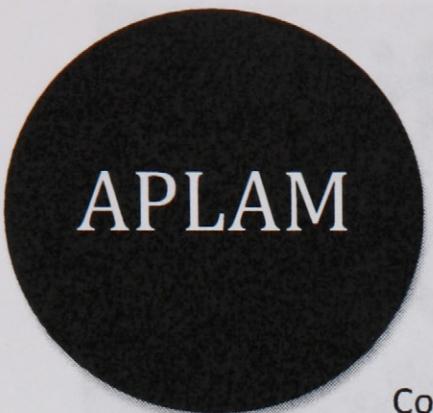
**Fiona Sampson - Project Director for  
the equality effect.**

**Pearl Eliadis - human rights lawyer.**

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**APLAM**

# FEDERATION OF ASIAN CANADIAN LAWYERS

The 4th Annual Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers (FACL) Fall Conference is fast approaching. This year, the keynote address will be delivered by Jameel Jaffer, Director of the National Securities Project at the American Civil Liberties Union. Other distinguished speakers include Lee Akazaki, the first ever Asian lawyer to become the president of the Ontario Bar Association. Workshop hosts will feature lawyers from prominent law firms such as: Fraser Milner Casgrain, Goodmans, McMillan, Ridout & Maybee, Glaholt, Miller Thomson, Blaney McMurtry, Gowlings, Fogler Rubinoff, Mushtaq Law, Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge and Torkin Manes.

This year, the conference will take place at University of Toronto, on Saturday, November 13th. Student registration is \$20 and \$45 more if you wish to attend the dinner banquet. Additional costs for transportation, which will be cheaper if we can organize group travel.

\* Registration Info: <http://www.facl.ca/Fall-Conference2010.html>

\* If you are not yet a FACL member, please fill out a membership form (free) and send it in along with the conference registration: <http://www.facl.ca/MembershipMDrive.html>

Send the package to **FACL, c/o OBA, 300-20 Toronto Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5C 2B8** (specifying your attendance to either the conference, the banquet, or both), or in the alternative, give me your forms and cheque and I will send it in along with my own application. If you plan to go, do let us know so we can account for the McGill presence.

Hope to see you there!



## NEED PROOF OF REGISTRATION?

**Print a Proof of Enrolment Letter /Graduation/Credits completed to-date**

Students who require confirmation of their status at McGill can obtain a signed letter listing the terms they were registered at McGill by accessing their record in Minerva.

**Login into Minerva**

Log in using your McGill Username/McGill ID and McGill Password/PIN

**Select the Student Menu**

**Select the Student Records Menu**

**Click Letters – Proof of Enrolment**

**Select the appropriate term(s) and type of letter**

**Click Submit/Print**

The letter will open in a PDF file which can then be printed or saved

# LAW GAMES: YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO! LES JEUX-RIDIQUES: AVOUE QUE ÇA TE TENTE!



LAW  
GAMES

**Nick Turp (LAW IV), on behalf of the McGill Law Games Committee**

Fellow students: do you feel like there is something missing in your law school experience? Do you believe there is more to McGill law than studying and going to class? Above all, do you like to meet people and HAVE FUN?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, there is only ONE solution: **LAW GAMES!!!!!!** (and more cowbell!). Indeed, this yearly event gathering students from every law faculty in Canada will be held from January 2-6, 2011, in QUEBEC CITY!!!

**What is Law Games?** It is only the best 4 days and nights of your school year! The Games are divided into three components: athletics, academics, and social events. In order to join the McGill team, **you DON'T need to be a good athlete or debater.** All we need is people who are dynamic and like to have fun, people who have spirit and want to meet other law students from all over the country. In January 2009, our team (the smallest in number) won the most coveted award at the Games, the **SPIRIT CUP**.<sup>1</sup> We were only 10 participants, yet managed to be the loudest and most enthusiastic. This year, we hope to have even BIGGER and LOUDER delegation, and who knows, maybe even win an athletic event?!

**Why should you join this year more than any other?** First, the Games are in QUEBEC CITY, which is the best city to host. Second, these will be the **cheapest** Law Games you will ever attend: the Games were hosted in Montreal in 2008 and 2010, so there is almost no chance that they will be in Quebec again before you graduate. There is thus no need to buy an expensive plane ticket. Third, the organizing team is made up of some of the craziest Law Games vets of all time, so you know it is going to be the **CRAZIEST** ones ever!!

**What exactly do you do during law games?** All the teams stay at the Hilton off La Grande Allée; this is where all the parties will be. The typical day involves co-ed sports competitions between schools (basketball, cosom hockey, volleyball, soccer, kinball, etc.) at PEPS at ULaval. There are also mooting competitions and the popular "FUN GAMES". At night, there are crazy social events planned, including a pub-crawl, a cartoon-themed talent night, and a closing formal ball awards ceremony. The after-parties are at the hotel: some of the best moments are spent room-hopping, partying with different schools!

For those of you who worry that Law Games will bring back bad memories of other university "carnivals", with binge drinking, vomiting, and hyper competitive students, it can safely be said that Law Games are not like this at all. Teams cheer each other on and the atmosphere is super friendly. There are no stupid drunks or meatheads ruining things. Ask any student who has done Law Games before, and he or she will surely confirm that it was one of the highlights of their year!

### **What do I need to do to get involved?**

The cost per person is 290\$, with 200 due on October 20 and 90 due on December 1st. This covers the hotel, sports activities (incl. transport to the facilities), and access to the nightly events. We are lucky to be getting firm sponsorship money to cover our **TEAM UNIFORMS**.

If you would like to help with fundraising to offset the registration costs, please let us know. The more money we raise for the team, the more money everyone gets back.

There will also be a fundraising **HALLOWEEN PARTY on Thursday, October 28 at Club La Boom, where we will be joined by the Faculty of Medicine!** All ticket pre-sale money will go towards funding our team! Bring all your friends!

### **How can I find out more?**

1. Join the McGill Law Facebook group: McGill Law Games/Jeux Ridiques 2011
2. E-mail the McGill law games team: [lawgamesmcgill@yahoo.com](mailto:lawgamesmcgill@yahoo.com)
3. Talk to anyone helping out: Nick Turp, Ben Carver, Malcolm Aboud, Fred Lissoir and Graham Splawski.

Do not miss this opportunity! To all of you who like to have fun and meet law students from all over the country, we hope to have you as part of our team this year, and we look forward to bringing back our precious **SPIRIT CUP!**

**GO MCGILL!**

**NOTE IMPORTANTE:** en raison des restrictions de contenu, il n'était pas possible de présenter toute l'information en anglais ET en français. Mais, AVIS à tous les francophones: du fait que les jeux auront lieu à Québec cette année, le français sera au premier plan, avec la participation de l'Université de Montréal, l'UQAM, l'Université Laval (école hôte), et l'Université Sherbrooke. On peut même dire que plus de la moitié des participants proviendront de ces universités. Ce sera une vraie fête à la québécoise!!! On vous attend tous!!!

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# Monday, October 25, 2010

The Career Development Office and the  
Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism

*presents*

## LIGHTS AND LINKS

### **Annual Networking Event for students applying for Summer Internships**

**WHERE: COMMON ROOM**

**TIME: 12:45 – 2:15**

**DATE: Monday, October 25, 2010**

Students who have participated in the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralisms' Human Rights Internships and students who have organized their own internships will be available to answer your questions about:

- Choosing the Right Internship for YOU
- Interviewing for a Human Rights Internships
- Finding Funding for your Internship
- Experiences in the field.

**PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE ON MYFUTURE:  
CDO EVENTS/WORKSHOPS**



**McGill Faculty of Law**

**Career Development Office  
3644 Peel Street, Room 416  
Montreal, QC, H3A 1W9**

# HELLO FROM THE 4TH FLOOR!



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TOPSAKAL

**Aisha Topsakal, Doyenne adjointe aux études et vie étudiante (B.C.L./LL.B. '02)**

As Assistant Dean, Student Life & Learning, it is my job to make sure you have the academic and career support you need to make the most of your time here at the Faculty. I work closely with the staff of the **Student Affairs Office (SAO)** and the **Career Development Office (CDO)** to deliver a number of programs and services to undergraduate and graduate students. These services include academic and career advising, programs and workshops on student welfare, as well as referrals to relevant University services for counseling and support.

Vous trouverez ci-dessous une description des services offerts, ainsi que quelques nouvelles initiatives qui vous seront présentées au cours de l'année 2010-2011. Comme vous le savez peut-être déjà, les bureaux du SAO et du CDO (ainsi que le mien!) sont tous situés au 4ième étage du Nouveau Pavillon Chancellor Day.

## Pourquoi prendre un rendez-vous?

Si vous vous trouvez dans l'une des situations suivantes, n'hésitez pas à prendre rendez-vous avec moi:

- Vous avez besoin d'aide avec votre sélection de cours ou pour déterminer si vous voulez graduer en 3, 3.5 ou 4 ans.
- You are considering doing a Major, Minor or Honours thesis or you have questions about the Faculty's clerkships for credit, mooting competitions or Major internships. (Or maybe this is the first you hear about any of these programs and you want to find out more!)
- You are feeling overwhelmed, stressed out, anxious or depressed, or you are dealing with any other health or disability issues. I can point you in the direction of the right resources.
- Vous craignez que vos notes soient mauvaises et vous aimeriez recevoir quelques conseils dans le but d'améliorer votre performance académique.
- You are concerned that your academic performance has been affecting your professional opportunities.
- Vous voulez partager vos commentaires ou donner des suggestions concernant les services ou le personnel du SAO ou du CDO.
- You have ideas for new initiatives and programming regarding student health and wellness.

N'hésitez pas à me poser vos questions. Mes heures de rendez-vous sont indiquées ci-dessous. Vous n'avez qu'à contacter Kelly Cassidy par courriel à [kelly.cassidy@mcgill.ca](mailto:kelly.cassidy@mcgill.ca), afin de prendre rendez-vous.

Lundi et mercredi: 15h30, 16h00 et 16h30

Jeudi: 15h00, 15h30 et 16h00

## NEW initiatives in 2010-2011

Here are a number of new Student Life & Learning initiatives that we are launching this year (more to come!):

- **SAO advising drop-in hours:** If you have questions for the SAO, consider coming by to see Student Affairs Officer Nancy Czemann or Student Affairs Coordinator Kelly Cassidy during their new drop-in hours.

Mondays & Thursdays: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Tuesdays: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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- **CDO and SAO feedback survey:** Following any counseling session you have with CDO and SAO staff, you will receive a brief online survey regarding your counseling experience. Please share your thoughts and feedback on our Faculty's advising services. You can find the link to the survey (<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9MYKV3J>) on the SAO and CDO homepages. One question asks for general feedback on our services and staff, so please feel free to fill in a survey at any time, even if you have not recently had an advising session. Please note that I am the person who reads the survey responses and you have the option of submitting anonymous comments.
- **Student Life & Learning Series for First Year Students:** Developed jointly with input from LSA President Stefan Hoffman and a number of Faculty members, this six-part series of information sessions aims to support students at critical points during their first year of law school. Les thèmes préalablement choisis sont : conseils sur l'écoute active, la lecture, la prise de notes, les méthodes d'étude et l'écriture juridique, le langage et le vocabulaire, la préparation aux examens et la gestion du stress, le fonctionnement du système d'inscription de Minerva, comment choisir ses cours, les cours hors faculté et les « non-law credits ».
- **CDO and SAO Q&A Sessions for Upper Years:** The CDO and SAO will plan various Q&A sessions during the year on topics of interest. The next Q&A session will be held on Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:45 in the Moot Court. We will provide information on upcoming recruitment deadlines and answer your questions regarding the Majors, Minors, Honours and other B.C.L./LL.B. program options.
- **Initiatives to minimize emails to students:** Nous sommes conscients du nombre important de courriels que vous recevez et nous faisons de notre mieux pour éviter de faire déborder vos boîtes de

réception! Dorénavant, l'envoi des courriels sera ciblé par cohorte. De plus, vous recevrez les courriels du SAO les lundis, ceux du CDO les mardis et les miens, les mercredis. Le SAO utilisera également le Quid pour vous faire part d'information importante.

### **Student health and welfare & McGill Student Services**

If you are struggling with depression, stress, anxiety or just a general feeling of uncertainty about your future, rest assured that you are not alone. I cannot count the number of students who have said to me, "I am the ONLY student here who does not have it all figured out." Please feel free to make an appointment with me to discuss your situation if you are feeling overwhelmed by your personal, academic or career situation. In addition to discussing your situation with you, I can point you in the right direction of University services.

Sachez que l'Université McGill offre tout un éventail de services afin d'offrir un milieu qui vous soit accueillant. Parmi ces services, vous trouverez les services de counselling, d'aide en santé mentale, les programmes de bourses d'études et d'aide financière aux étudiants, ainsi que la Maison des premières nations. Veuillez visiter [www.mcgill.ca/studentservices](http://www.mcgill.ca/studentservices) pour plus de détails ou procurez-vous un dépliant au comptoir du SAO.

### **SAO and CDO services**

Finally, for a full listing of **SAO services**, please visit the "SAO contacts" page at <http://www.mcgill.ca/law-studies/sao/>. General enquiries may be directed to the Student Affairs Office at 514-398-3544 or [info.law@mcgill.ca](mailto:info.law@mcgill.ca).

If you would like to find out more about the full range of **CDO services** available to you, please visit [www.mcgill.ca/cdo](http://www.mcgill.ca/cdo). To make a career counseling appointment with CDO Director Catherine Bleau, send an email to [placement.law@mcgill.ca](mailto:placement.law@mcgill.ca). Please also note that the CDO now has its own Facebook page, called "McGill Faculty of Law Career Development Office", to help keep you up to date on the latest recruitment deadlines and career events.

Je vous souhaite une année pleine de succès! N'hésitez pas à me contacter avec toutes questions.

